

WØMTL—HannibalAmateurRadioClubNews—WØKEM**APRIL
IS AUTISM MONTH****2025 HARC OFFICERS**

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EDITOR: DON VARY, KDØHHN

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 2025**April 9, 2025****IMPORTANT NOTICE!!**

We are now meeting at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Offices at 142 Jaycee Drive. To get to the facility, go South on McMasters Ave (RT61) to the intersection of Clinic Rd (immediate right past Wendy's). Turn Right onto Clinic Rd and the first right is Communication Drive. Turn onto Communication Drive and continue straight on Communication which then turns into Jaycee Dr. The Admin center is on the right at the top of the hill.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – APRIL 2025

9 - Don KDØHHN
14 - Al N9MAF
21 - Allan K9AJC
28 - Joe W6JFL

Information about our Monday night nets can be found on the club website, www.w0kem.com and click on FM Repeaters.

SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2025

DATES FOR 2025

April 9, 2025

July 9, 2025

October 8, 2025

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE, 210-325-7923, or w9we.lee@gmail.com. If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening.

The 2025 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regularly scheduled HARC meeting.

WALK INS ARE WELCOME.

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!



Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Opening

Club president Joe, W6JFL, called the March 2025 Hannibal Amateur Radio Club meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Eighteen members were present.

Proposals for membership:

Club president Joe, W6JFL, proposed Tom Ague, KB9LBE, be admitted to the club. Don, KD0HHN, motioned to accept the proposal, and Kenny, KD0KCQ, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Changes/Corrections to Previous Month's Minutes:

Changes to previous minutes: NONE

Treasurer's Report:

Kenny, KE0KCQ, presented the monthly financial report. As of March 12, 2025, the beginning balance was \$5,103.34, Expenses were \$0, and Deposits were \$161.00. The CD balance had a beginning balance of \$1,385.57, and no interest was paid during this period, bringing the total CD balance to \$1,385.57. Petty cash was also unchanged at \$40, bringing the total club balance to \$5,264.34 for March 2025.

Motion to accept by Don, KD0HHN, and was seconded by Allan, K9AJC.
Motion carried by members.

Repeaters:

Al, N9MAF, reported that he has been to both repeater sites, and everything looks good. He checked the SWR, power output, and coax leads. Shawn, KD9VUW, motioned to accept the repeater report, and Kenny, KD0KCQ, seconded the motion.
Motion carried by the members.

Committee Reports:

Laptops - Martin reports he has looked at some computers but is still searching for quality-used computers.

Old/Unfinished Business:

DUES: Those not paid by the March meeting will be dropped from the membership roster. Don't hesitate to contact Kenny, KE0KCQ, for re-enrollment information.

PER 334 was rescheduled for October 17/18. There were not enough participants this month, and funding cuts prevented the trainers from traveling and lodging. However, it will be rescheduled for this coming fall. October 17 and 18, 2025, are the new scheduled dates for this training. If you signed up before, you will have to re-sign up again. Don will send out an email with the links.

HR1094 - AREPA - to effectively allow amateurs to put up antennas in the spirit of emergency communications

- KDØHHN wrote a letter on behalf of HARC to express support for the bill and encourage its passage. Joe, W6JFL, will email a copy of the letter that can be used as a template for sending it individually to other state representatives.

The Chili Dinner will be held on 3/15. Members will bring their unique brand of chili, as well as other eats and treats. The event will be set up around noon at Base 1 off US Highway 61 on the north side of Hannibal (behind Tom Boland Ford).

Michele Todd, Randy Closs, and Michele Nunemacher were presented with Certificates of First Contact. Congrats to all for making their first contact on Ham Radio!

New Business:

Joe, W6JFL, proposed waiving dues for active duty/reserve military. Don, KDØHHN, said the Bylaws need to be amended to reflect this change. The proposal was tabled for the April meeting.

The Palmyra Truck Show will be held again on May 6, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., at the Palmyra High School parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to attend and help inspire some future ham radio operators. Check with Kenny, KE0KCQ, for more information.

Joe, W6JFL, is looking to hold another Tech class in June before the testing session in July. Books will be available at a discounted rate, and the class is free.

Kevin, AD7OI, mentioned the possibility of a Hamfest. Although it had been tabled this year, this time of year would be a good time to start on the 2026 Hamfest. Anyone interested in taking over the lead should let the board know.

June Field Day has not been decided yet, but the Quincy club has extended an invitation to attend their Field Day event this year. It is scheduled for June 28 and 29.

Don, KD0HHN, will provide some NTS training after the meeting. The National Traffic System (NTS) is a method by which hams can deliver messages to their intended recipients via radio. Developed during the 1950s, messages can be sent coast to coast in less than 24 hours. Messages can be cordial and simple, such as wishing a happy birthday or conveying life-saving information during an emergency or disaster.

On July 10, 11, 17, 18, and 19, Don, KD0HHN, will host a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) course. This course is intended to provide the necessary training to volunteer as a citizen responder to a disaster event. For more information, please get in touch with Don.

The Mark Twain Memorial Bridge will be shut down for maintenance in mid-April and will not open again until May. It will begin as a single lane before being shut down for the remainder of the maintenance period.

Don, KD0HHN, presented Joe, W6JFL, Al, N9MAF, and Allan, K9AJC, with certificates of recognition as ARES net control operators. Congratulations to these three individuals for dedicating their time to ensure that ARES remains active in time of need.

Announcements:

ARES Net Control operators for the remaining March dates and the beginning of April.

3/17 – Al, N9MAF

3/24 – Joe, W6JFL

3/31 – Allan, K9AJC

4/7 – Don, KD0HHN

Breakfast has been canceled this month since the club will host the Chili Lunch at noon on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

50/50:

50/50 was won by Don Bickhaus, who donated it back to the club. Thank you, Don!

Adjournment:

7:47 PM - Motion by Shawn, KD9VUW, and seconded by Allan, K9AJC, to adjourn for the evening.

Carried by members.



Joe, W6JFL, Presenting Michelle Todd, KFØSTM , with her First Contact Award.



**Don, KDØHHN, presenting
Al, N9MAF with his Net
Control Certificate**



**Don, KDØHHN, presenting
Joe, W6JFL with his Net
Control Certificate**



**Don, KDØHHN presenting Allan, K9AJC with his
Net Control Certificate.**



**Joe, W6JFL, presenting Randy, KFØSWQ, with his
First Contact**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY JOE LAULETTA, W6JFL



-Greetings, Members!

Spring is here! I can't wait for the weather to catch up. I have started some yard work, as many of you have, and I have discovered many unused muscle groups in the process. How about that chili dinner?! I think it was a huge success, because I got to eat! I received a lot of positive feedback from the ambulance crews as well (who will rarely, if ever, turn down a free meal).

Thanks to Don for the National Traffic System (NTS) training. I hope to incorporate some additional practice sessions for those interested. I would personally like to improve my value as an emergency operator. One of those "better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it" things.

There is **one** online Storm Spotter left this year, on Apr 22 at 19:00. Search for "NWS St. Louis 2025 Storm Spotter classes" to register. Call me or any member of the Board for help if you need it.

Speaking of classes, don't forget Don is coming up with CERT classes for those interested, and I have upcoming Tech classes (June timeframe). Please pass the word to anybody who has expressed interest in becoming a licensed amateur radio operator. One other thing – don't forget to write your congresspersons re: HR-1094, The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act.

Finally, A Hearty "Welcome Aboard" to Larry, KA9GQM!

73, -Joe-



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To all radio amateurs

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ARLD013 DX news

This week's bulletin is made possible with information provided by AA3B, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. A group of operators are QRV as 3B9DJ until April 5. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ.

FIJI, 3D2. Dom, 3D2USU is QRV as 3D2AJT from Nadi until the end of April. QSL via LoTW.

AZERBAIJAN, 4K. A group of operators will be QRV as 4K0T as a Multi/Single/Low Power entry in the CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL via LoTW.

BARBADOS, 8P. Dave, G4OSY is QRV as 8P9EI until April 6. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL direct to home call.

CROATIA, 9A. Special event station 9A100IARU will be QRV from April 1 to 30 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via operators' instructions.

BAHAMAS, C6. Paul, WA4PAW will be QRV as C6APS from Great Abaco, IOTA NA-080, from March 29 to April 19. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

URUGUAY, CX. Special event station CX100IARU will be QRV from April 1 to 30 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via CX1AA.

PHILIPPINES, DU. A large group of operators are QRV as 4I2I from Itbayat Island, IOTA OC-093, until March 31. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via VE3GJP.

THAILAND, HS. Special event station HS100IARU will be QRV from April 1 to 30 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. Activity will be on the HF bands, 2 meters, and various Satellites. QSL via OQRS and LoTW.

ST. LUCIA, J6. A group of operators will be QRV as J62K in the CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL direct to K9HZ.

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Gary, KC9EE is QRV from PJ7EE until April 6. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL via LoTW.

SURINAME, PZ. A group of operators will be QRV as PZ5IP from Papegaaien Island, IOTA SA-092, from April 1 to 4. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

GREECE, SV. Special event station SZ100IARU is QRV from April 1 to 30 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via the bureau.

TURKEY, TA. Special event call sign TC0DUMLU will be QRV from April 1 to 6 to honor the 81 seamen who died when the submarine Dumlupinar sank in 1953. QSL via LoTW.

BENIN, TY. Red, DL1BUG is QRV as TY5FR from Cotonou until April 9. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, including 60 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Bud, AA3B will be QRV as V26K from Antigua, IOTA NA-100, from March 25 to April 2. Activity will be on the HF bands using mostly

CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Randall, KX4QD is QRV as V73HW for the next two years. Activity is in his spare time on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Some members of the Bavarian Contest Club will be QRV as VP2VI during April. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via DJ4MX.

INDIA, VU. Special event station VU1IARU will be QRV from April 1 to June 29 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via VU2ZH.

INDONESIA, YB. Special event station 8A100IARU will be QRV from April 1 to 30 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via N2OO.

VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS is QRV as YJ0CA from Port Vila, IOTA OC-035, until April 3. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL direct to home call.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. CQ World Wide WPX SSB Contest, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, NCCC CW Sprint, Sasquatch CW Stomp, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Feld Hell Sprint and the Classic CW Exchange will certainly keep testers busy this upcoming weekend.

K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, QCX CW Challenge, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, ZL 80-Meter Sprint, QRP 40-Meter Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, Mini-Test 80 CW and the UKEICC 80-Meter SSB Contest are on tap for March 31 to April 2.

Please see March 2025 *QST*, page 72, April 2025 *QST*, page 79, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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